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**THE EYE SITE traveling exhibit will be
at Imperial Mall
April 5-24, 2003**

NEBRASKA TOUR SCHEDULE

Grand Island, NE

Conestoga Mall

January 25-February 22, 2003

Lincoln, NE

Westfield Shoppingtown Gateway

February 24-March 24, 2003

Bellevue, NE

Southroads Shopping Center

March 26-April 22, 2003

Hastings, NE

Imperial Mall

April 5-April 24, 2003

Hastings, NE – **THE EYE SITE**—the National Eye Institute's traveling exhibit on low vision—will open in Hastings on April 5 at Imperial Mall. **THE EYE SITE**, which provides information on low vision in English and Spanish, features five kiosks with an interactive multimedia touchscreen program, a display of assistive devices, and a list of local low vision resources. The exhibit, which will be located in the Center of Concourse, is free and open to the public during all mall business hours.

The National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, developed **THE EYE SITE** as part of its Low Vision Education Program. The program is designed to help people understand what low vision is (vision problems that interfere with the ability to perform everyday activities) and explain what steps they can take to stay independent despite vision loss. Approximately one in 20 Americans has low vision.

To learn more about NEI, visit www.nei.nih.gov. To learn more about low vision, visit www.nei.nih.gov/nehep. For more information on **THE EYE SITE**, visit www.nei.nih.gov/nehep/eyesite.

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The National Eye Institute (NEI) is part of the National Institutes of Health, an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The NEI's research on eye diseases and disorders leads to sight-saving treatments and plays a key role in reducing visual impairment and blindness.



This exhibit was developed by the National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

What Causes Low Vision?

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Most people develop low vision because of eye diseases like macular degeneration, cataracts, and glaucoma, or as a result of diabetes. Some people get low vision from other eye diseases, injuries, or birth defects.

Normal Vision



Cataract

People with cataracts, a clouding of the lens, see through a haze.



Approximately **137,005 Nebraskans** age 40 and older have cataracts.

Macular Degeneration

A leading cause of vision loss in older Americans, AMD results in loss of central vision and some blurring.



Approximately **12,422 Nebraskans** age 50 and older have age-related macular degeneration.

Diabetic Retinopathy

Vision can become blurred in diabetic retinopathy, due to bleeding in the back of the eye (retina).



Approximately **32,033 Nebraskans** age 18 and older have diabetic retinopathy.

Glaucoma

Glaucoma often has no early warning signs. Later the field of vision may narrow.



Approximately **13,418 Nebraskans** age 40 and older have glaucoma.



THE EYE SITE: A Traveling Exhibit on Low Vision for Shopping Centers was developed by the National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.